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SUBJECT: ROGERS LUNCHEON WITH GOG AMBASSADOR MANN

FOR AMBASSADOR KREBS AND MOYNIHAN FROM ASSISTANT
SECRETARY ROGERS

1. I HAD LUNCH WITH GUYANESE AMBASSADOR MANN TODAY. HE
GOES TO GUYANA SUNDAY.

2. HE REGRETTED THAT FONMIN WILLS WAS NOT ABLE TO SEE
ME IN NEW YORK. WE TALKED ABOUT THE POSSIBILITY THAT
I MIGHT MEET HIM EITHER THERE OR IN BARBADOS AT SOME
LATER TIME. MANN AND I WILL TALK AS SOON AS HE GETS
BACK.

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3. ON ANGOLA, I TOLD HIM THAT OUR ATTITUDE WAS

ROOTED IN ARTICLE 51 AND THE FUNDAMENTAL PRINCIPLE THAT DISPUTES SHOULD NOT BE SETTLED BY FORCE. THIS WAS PARTICULARLY SO WHEN THE DISPUTE WAS AN INTERNAL CONFLICT AND AN AFRICAN ONE, AND SOME OF THE FORCE WAS FROM OUTSIDE AFRICA. THIS BEING THE BASE FOR US POLICY TOWARD ANGOLA, HE AND GUYANA COULD HAVE NO LEGITIMATE APPREHENSIONS ABOUT THE POSSIBILITY THAT WE MIGHT CONTEMPLATE THE USE OF FORCE AGAINST GUYANA. WE MERELY WANTED TO MAKE CLEAR THAT, THOUGH GUYANA HAD EVERY RIGHT AND OBLIGATION TO ADHERE TO ITS CIVIL AIR AGREEMENT WITH CUBA WHICH CONTEMPLATES CIVILIAN FLIGHTS, MILITARY FLIGHTS WERE OUTSIDE THE AGREEMENT AND CONSTITUTED A FORM OF SUPPORT FOR THE USE OF OUTSIDE FORCE IN THE ANGOLAN DISPUTE.

4. MANN SAID THAT THEY WERE STRONGLY IN FAVOR OF THE MPLA, BECAUSE IT WAS ANTI-SOUTH AFRICA. HE FELT THAT BOTH SAVIMBI AND ROBERTO HAD TAINTED THEMSELVES IRRETRIEVABLY BY THEIR ALLIANCE WITH THAT HATED REGIME. HE THEN SAID HE WAS AUTHORIZED TO TELL ME THAT THE CUBANS HAD NEVER REQUESTED THE USE OF THE FACILITIES FOR MILITARY PURPOSES. I SAID I WAS GRATIFIED TO HEAR THAT, IF IT MEANT THAT THE CUBANS WERE IN FACT USING GUYANA SOLELY FOR CIVIL AIR PURPOSES. HE ASKED HOW COULD GUYANA TELL? I SUGGESTED THAT, IN THE CASE OF WEAPONS, IT WAS EASY; IN THE CASE OF PASSENGER FLIGHTS, GUYANA MIGHT MAKE CRYSTAL CLEAR TO THE CUBANS THAT IT DID NOT ACCEPT MILITARY TRANSITS; AND CHECK EACH FLIGHT TO SEE IF IT HAPPENED TO BE UNUSUALLY FULL OF MEN OF MILITARY AGE AND BEARING.

5. WE THEN MOVED TO THE BROADER REACHES OF GUYANA'S FOREIGN RELATIONS. HE SAID THERE WERE TWO CORNER-STONES: THE TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY OF GUYANA AND ITS INTEREST IN DOING SOMETHING ABOUT COMMODITIES. I SAID THAT WE EMBRACED BOTH PRINCIPLES. PARTICULARLY I ASKED HIM TO NOTE HOW WE HAD MOVED ON THE COMMODITY ISSUE WITHIN THE LAST SEVERAL MONTHS, AND CITED OUR WILLINGNESS TO TALK PRODUCER-CONSUMER ARRANGEMENTS COMMODITY-BY-COMMODITY. I SUGGESTED THAT WAS IN THE LONGER-TERM

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INTERESTS OF THE PRODUCERS AS WELL AS OURSELVES.

6. I ADDED THAT HE SHOULD REALIZE THAT ALTHOUGH WE PREFERRED DEMOCRATIC FORMS, IT WAS A MATTER OF INTERNAL AFFAIRS IF IT WISHED TO ORGANIZE ITSELF ALONG OTHER LINES. BUT, I SAID, WE HAD NOTICED A DISTINCT CHILL IN THE PUBLIC AIR IN GUYANA RECENTLY ABOUT THE US ITSELF. HE SAID THAT WE SHOULD NOT BE UNDULY DISTURBED

BY THIS. POLITICIANS IN A STATE ASPIRING TO ONE PARTICULAR FORM OF POLITY SOMETIMES FOUND IT DESIRABLE, FOR FORENSIC PURPOSES, TO THROW ROCKS AT THE MOST SUCCESSFUL MODEL OF THE COMPETITIVE SYSTEM.

7. I SUGGESTED THERE HAD BEEN A DISTINCT DETERIORATION OF OUR RELATIONS IN RECENT MONTHS, NONETHELESS, MUCH AS WE TREASURED THE WARMTH AND CHARITABLE REGARD OF GUYANA. NOT THE LEAST OF REASONS FOR THIS WAS GUYANA'S ALLIANCE WITH CUBA AT THE UN. HE PRETENDED NOT TO KNOW MUCH ABOUT THESE, SO I SET FORTH OUR VIEWS.

HE REPLIED THAT SOME OF THIS MAY BE DUE TO THE FACT THAT THE NEW FOREIGN MINISTER NEEDS TO MAKE A MARK FOR HIMSELF. WE BOTH AGREED THAT SONNY RAMPHAL WAS A TOUGH ACT TO FOLLOW. KISSINGER

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